



**EXPEDITED PROCEDURE - EXAMINING GROUP 1646**

**S/N 08/927,939**

**PATENT**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant: David J. Grainger et al.

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Title: COMPOUNDS AND METHODS TO INHIBIT OR AUGMENT AN  
INFLAMMATORY RESPONSE

**AMENDMENT & RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116**

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Sir:

Applicant has carefully reviewed the Office Action mailed November 12, 1999. Detailed comments to the Office Action are found in the Remarks section below. Amendments to the specification and claims are found in the following Amendments section.

This response is accompanied by a Petition, as well as the appropriate fee, to obtain a three-month extension of the period for responding to the Office Action, thereby moving the deadline for response from February 12, 2000, to May 12, 2000.

**AMENDMENT**

**In the Claims**

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Twice amended) An isolated and purified peptide of a chemokine, a variant, or a derivative thereof, comprising no more than 30 amino acid residues, wherein at least three contiguous residues of the peptide correspond to residues in the carboxyl-terminal half of the mature form of the chemokine, wherein the three contiguous residues correspond to residues Trp-Val-Gln or Lys-Gln-Lys in human MCP-1, and wherein the peptide inhibits the activity of the corresponding native chemokine.